

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3902 - HB 4035

March 30, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds claims for "recklessly" inflicted injury or death, or leaving the scene of an accident that resulted in injury or death, to currently allowable claims for "intentionally" inflicted injury or death under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Claims against the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund will increase in an amount estimated to exceed \$900,000.

Assumptions:

- Average payment for claims involving motor vehicles is \$10,500. According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, there is an average of 350 claims per year involving reckless driving convictions or guilty pleas. 20% (70) of those claims involve no insurance coverage for the victim and would be compensable under this bill at a cost of \$735,000 (\$10,500 x 70).
- 45 claims per year, based on the average number of hit and run claims denied under current law. 20 of those claims would be approved at a cost of \$210,000 (\$10,500 x 20).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director